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REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA DURING JUNE TERM, 1856, AND A PART OF JANUARY TERM, 1857. By JOHN W. SHEPHERD, State Reporter. Volume XXIX. Montgomery : Barrett & Wimbish, Printers. 1857. pp. 806.

We endeavor to keep our readers advised of the publication of the State reports, and the more important treatises and law publications. We have now upon our table Alabama Reports, volume twenty-nine, new series. The very limited time allowed us for an examination does not enable us to present our readers with as satisfactory an opinion on this book as we sometimes can. But the well-known character of Mr. Shepherd, the reporter in his own State, and the reputation of the court, give us a guaranty that the volume is of the usual excellence. We have marked, and shall extract a case or two for our next number.

PRECEDENTS OF INDICTMENTS AND PLEAS, adapted to the use both of the Courts of the United States and those of all the several States; together with Notes on Criminal Pleading and Practice, embracing the English and American Authorities generally. By FRANCIS WHARTON, author of "A Treatise on American Criminal Law;" "A Treatise on the Law of Homicide in the United States;" "A Treatise on Medical Jurisprudence," etc. etc. Second and revised edition, Philadelphia: Kay & Brother, 19 south Sixth street, Law Booksellers, Publishers and Importers. 1857. pp. 823.

This is by far the best work of precedents in criminal law that has yet appeared among our books. The favor with which the first edition was received marked the professional estimate placed upon it; and in this edition a thorough and careful revision of all the forms and the appended notes has taken place, and a remodeling and classification of the text, and interchange of reference between this work and the American Criminal Law is a most manifest improvement. It would seem to be difficult to add anything material in the plan and execution of this book of precedents. All that can be done in future editions must consist of the citation of additional cases, and the addition of new references. We are satisfied that Mr. Wharton has laid the profession under great obligation by his valuable labors.